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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, INFO DAJAR, MAR 23, FROM
NDJAMENA RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE S E C R E T NDJAMENA 0773

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E.O. 11652: XGDS 3

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ARMS DELIVERY TO SENEGAL

1. AMERICAN CITIZEN COMMANDING AMERICAN BOEING 720 UNDER
CHARTER OR LEASE TO PIONEER AIRWAYS OF GHANA, COMPANY OWNED 60 PER
CENT BY FRENCH NATIONAL AND 40 PERCENT BY CHANAIAANS
HAS BEEN ASSIGNED CARGO OF ARMS FROM CAIRO TO SENEGAL.
AIRCRAFT WOULD LOAD AT CAIRO AND REFUEL AT TRIPOLI AND CASABLANCA,
FLYING OVER OPEN WATERS EXCEPT FOR THESE TWO STOPS. PILOT ASKED
EMBASSY FOR GUIDANCE AND DISCUSSION OF CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED.

2. IT OCCURED TO PILOT, AS IT DID TO EMBASSY, THAT ARMS ARE
DESTINED TO PAIGC. WE TOLD HIM WE SAW THREE POSSIBLE PROBLEMS:
(1) CONCERNING AMERICAN CITIZENS AND AMERICAN AIRCRAFT CARRYING
ARMS DESTINED FOR USE IN LIBERATION MOVEMENT, IF THAT IS

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THEIR DESTINATION; (2) POSSIBLE PORTUGUESE ATTEMPT TO

PROHIBIT DELIVERY; AND (3) THOSE PROBLEMS THAT COULD ARISE
AT REFUELING STOPS IF LIBYAN AND MORROCAN GOVERNMENTS
NOT INFORMED OF CARGO. PILOT SAID THESE WERE ESSENTIALLY HIS
OWN MISGIVINGS AND THAT ALTHOUGH HE FEELS OBLIGATION TO PERFORM
WHATEVER LEGITIMATE SERVICES HIS COMPANY REQUIRES (THERE WILL
BE NO ATTEMPT TO DISGUISE SHIPMENT EITHER IN PACKING OR
IN DOCUMENTS) HE WOULD ABIDE BY ANY U.S. DECISION OR
RECOMMENDATION IN CARRYING OR REFUSING THIS CARGO.

3. REQUEST GUIDANCE BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM. MULCAHY UNQUOTE.
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